

**From:** Joseph Hubbard <Hubbard.Joseph@epamail.epa.gov> on behalf of R6 Press <R6Press@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2014 8:29 AM  
**Subject:** Daily News Digest, Monday, February 03, 2014  
**Attachments:** Daily News Digest 020314.pdf

*(See attached file: Daily News Digest 020314.pdf)*

**1 – Group: Toxic chemical releases going unreported, Houston Chron, 1/30/14**

<http://www.chron.com/business/eagle-ford-energy/article/Group-Toxic-chemical-releases-going-unreported-5190774.php>

In the middle of a massive U.S. oil and gas boom, the nonprofit Environmental Integrity Project says the release of thousands of pounds of toxic chemicals is going unreported in Texas and other states. The organization, along with more than a dozen environmental and watchdog groups, is petitioning the Environmental Protection Agency to require sites such as gas plants, compressor stations and tank batteries report to the federal Toxic Release Inventory, which tracks the release or disposal of chemicals that can threaten health or the environment.

**2 – (Opinion) Obama's EPA has lost its balance, Star Telegram, 2/1/14**

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2014/02/01/5530959/obamas-epa-has-lost-its-balance.html>

When it comes to defining the country's environmental policy, there's one thing Democrats and Republicans alike promise to do when they are seeking your vote. They all say they will promote the proper balance between environmental quality and economic opportunity.

**3 – What's in Keystone XL oil pipeline report by US, AP News, 1/31/14**

<http://www.statesman.com/ap/ap/environment/whats-in-keystone-xl-oil-pipeline-report-by-us/nc83Y/>

A report issued by the U.S. State Department on Friday raised no major environmental objections to the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada. The 1,179-mile (1,897-kilometer) pipeline would travel through Montana and South Dakota to a hub in Nebraska, where it would connect with existing pipelines to carry more than 800,000 barrels of crude oil a day to refineries in Texas.

**4 – House GOP probes agency actions in Lone Star State, EE News, 2/3/14**

<http://www.eenews.net/eedaily/2014/02/03/stories/1059993874>

That's the question House Republicans will pose this week at a hearing on how the agency's rules are affecting the Lone Star State. Tensions between EPA and Texas regulators are nothing new -- there's been a simmering feud for years as state officials have pushed back against the Obama administration's policies.

**5 – Quakes can't shake railroad commissioner candidates' stances on fracking, Dallas News, 2/2/14**

[http://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/headlines/20140202-quakes-cant-shake-railroad-commissioner-candidates-stances-on-fracking.ece?nclink\\_check=1](http://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/headlines/20140202-quakes-cant-shake-railroad-commissioner-candidates-stances-on-fracking.ece?nclink_check=1)

Residents who have felt dozens of quakes where they used to be rare have raised concerns and criticized the Railroad Commission for responding slowly and sharing little information. Scientists generally agree humans can cause noticeable earthquakes with deep wells such as those used to dispose of waste from hydraulic fracturing. Yet most candidates remain skeptical.

**6 – EDITORIAL: State deal with EPA on air quality methods is welcome, Beaumont**

## **Enterprise, 2/3/14**

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/opinions/editorials/article/EDITORIAL-State-deal-with-EPA-on-air-quality-5194425.php>

Sometimes an imperfect deal is better than none at all, and that appears to be the case with last week's agreement between the state of Texas and the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](#). The [EPA](#) basically agreed to accept the state's permitting system for limiting industrial air pollution, ending a four-year legal fight.

## **7 – Anti-Regulation Politics May Have Hurt Energy Industry, Texas Tribune, 2/2/14**

<http://eponline.com/articles/2014/01/30/groups-urge-epa-to-pollution-reporting-loophole-in-oil-and-gas-industry.aspx>

Businesses in energy-related industries in Texas say they have been unable to take full advantage of the natural gas boom that is roaring across the state because of a delay in the issuing of greenhouse gas permits — an instance in which Texas' anti-regulation stance might have actually hurt business.

## **8 - Novel Texas Suit Could Set Precedent On Underground Injection 'Trespass', Inside EPA, 2/3/14**

<http://insideepa.com/Superfund-Report/Superfund-Report-02/03/2014/novel-texas-suit-could-set-precedent-on-underground-injection-trespass/menu-id-128.html>

Novel litigation awaiting a Texas Supreme Court decision could result in a first-time finding that property owners can pursue civil "trespass" suits for subsurface migration from underground injection wells without showing any damage, an industry attorney says, which could set a precedent that other courts may follow.

## **9 - [Dramatic shifts underway in Americas energy trade](#), FuelFix, 1/31/14**

<http://fuelfix.com/blog/2014/01/31/panama-canal-expansion-would-increase-lng-exports-to-asia/>

The rapid growth of U.S. oil and gas production is dramatically changing trade patterns in the region, and next year's expansion of the Panama Canal likely will prompt even more dramatic shifts, according to a new [report](#) from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The widening of the Panama Canal, scheduled for completion next year, will vastly increase the opportunity for energy producers in the Americas to export their liquefied natural gas to Asia, according to the report.

## **10 - In China's war on bad air, government decision to release data gives fresh hope, Washington Post, 2/2/14**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/in-chinas-war-on-bad-air-government-decision-to-release-data-gives-fresh-hope/2014/02/02/5e50c872-8745-11e3-a5bd-844629433ba3\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/in-chinas-war-on-bad-air-government-decision-to-release-data-gives-fresh-hope/2014/02/02/5e50c872-8745-11e3-a5bd-844629433ba3_story.html)

Since Jan. 1, the central government has required 15,000 factories — including influential state-run enterprises — to publicly report details on their air emissions and water discharges in real time, an unprecedented degree of disclosure that is shedding light on the who, what, when and where of China's devastating environmental problems.